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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VELIOTES

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, SOPR, MO
SUBJECT: ENCOUNTER BETWEEN AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND POLISARIO REPS

REF STATE 115382

1. MANY THANKS FOR REFTEL. AGREE IT IS IN MOROCCAN INTEREST
NOT TO PLAY UP INCIDENT AND SO TOLD THEM BEFORE RECEIVING YOUR
MESSAGE. FACT NO QUESTION RAISED AT MAY 19 PRESS BRIEFING WILL
HOPEFULLY MEAN ISSUE IS DEAD. MOROCCANS ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER,
POLISARIO, ALGERIANS AND OTHERS MAY ATTEMPT TO USE IT.

2. IF IT TURNS OUT LIVE PUBLIC ISSUE IN WASHINGTON OR ELSEWHERE,
SUGGEST FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO AND CHANGES IN CURRENT PRESS
GUIDANCE (STATE 115223).

A. IN FIRST ANSWER, ADD FOLLOWING JUST BEFORE LAST SENTENCE
WHICH BEGINS "(IF PRESSED FURTHER) THERE IS REALLY NOTHING...":
" IN SHORT, THIS CHANCE ENCOUNTER HAS NO POLICY SIGNIFICANCE
WHATSOEVER." ON BASIS OF OUR TELECON MAY 19, I PASSED THIS TO
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ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER AND TO INFORMATION MINISTER WHO IN TURN
TOLD KING.

B. ADD NEW QUESTION AND ANSWER AS FOLLOWS:

"QUESTION: WAS AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH THE POLISARIO
REPRESENTATIVE THE FORERUNNER OF UNITED STATES RECOGNITION OF

THE POLISARIO'S POLITICAL ARM, THE SAHARAN DEMOCRATIC ARAB
REPUBLIC?

ANSWER: USG DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO RECOGNIZE SAHARAN
DEMOCRATIC ARAB REPUBLIC. SDAR DOES NOT CONTROL ANY TERRITORY,
HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED CAPACITY FOR GOVERNMENT, NOT RECEIVED
WIDE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE, EVEN AMONG ESTABLISHED STATES OF
SIMILAR OUTLOOK." ONLY CHANGE FROM STATE 84513 OF APRIL, 1976
WHICH YOU HAVE CONFIRMED REMAINS USG POLICY IS OMISSION OF
"NEWLY DECLARED."

C. CHANGE SECOND ANSWER FOLLOWING WORDS "WESTERN SAHARA
DISPUTE" TO READ "WHILE ENCOURAGING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF
REGIONAL DIFFERENCES." AS YOU KNOW, GOM DOES NOT CONSIDER
ALGERIA, WHICH WAS NOT A SIGNATORY TO THE MADRID ACCORD OF
NOVEMBER 14, 1975 AND HAS NO TERRITORIAL CLAIM TO THE SAHARA,
AS AN INTERESTED PARTY.

3. IF YOU CHANGE GUIDANCE ALONG FOREGOING LINES, RECOMMEND
REVISED GUIDANCE BE SENT TO PARIS AND MADRID IN ADDITION TO
ADDRESSEES OF STATE 115223 FOR USE ON IF-ASKED BASIS ONLY.
POINT IS WE SHOULD HAVE THIS READY IN FIELD IN EVENT POLISARIO
AND ITS FRIENDS TAKE UP THE CUDGEL.
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